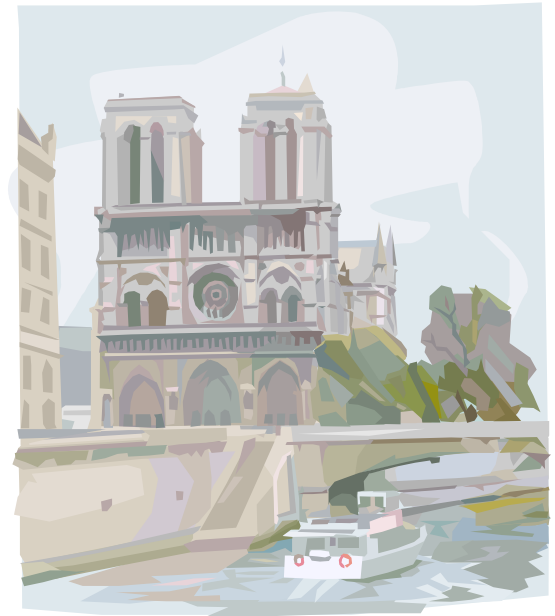




The International Experience

Chapter 4.1



U.S.

In the United States, of the fourteen executive departments involved in conducting the administration of the government, **seven** are involved in the travel and tourism industry.



Passports

- Passports establish a person's identity and nationality and requests protection for the traveler while away from home
- You should apply for a passport at least six weeks before the trip



Applying for a Passport

- A. Completed Application
- B. Proof of Citizenship (Birth Certificate)
- C. Two Recent Photographs (2x2 Full Face View)
- D. Proof of Identity (Driver's License)
- E. Fee (over 16 - \$45, under 16 - \$25, plus \$15 fee)
- F. Social Security Number

More Information...

- In the future...
 - Passengers carry cards bearing their hand and fingerprints that they stick in a machine along with their hand. If the two match, the passenger may pass through the gate. The process takes about 15 seconds. High Costs!



VISA

(No not the credit card!)

An endorsement or stamp placed in a passport by officials of a country other than the passports owners.



Are You Feeling Alright?

- The most common health problem for travelers – Diarrhea
- Vaccination Certificates
 - A booklet in which records of vaccinations are shown

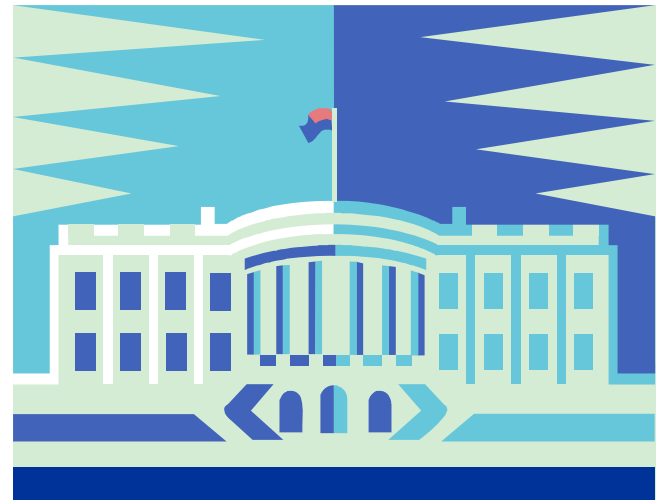


State Department

A. Warnings

B. Public Announcements

C. Consular Information
Sheets



Customs

- *Know Before You Go: Customs Hints for Returning Residents*
 - Booklet published by the U.S. Customs



Duty-Free

- Duty-Free means that it is free of taxes at the place of purchase
- U.S. citizens are allowed to bring back \$400 in purchases “duty-free”
- Items considered injurious or not for the general welfare and those fashioned from endangered species are not permitted through customs. Most fruits, vegetables, and meats are also prohibited.

Customs

- U.S. Customs use the Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) to clear passengers quickly through international airports
- The Canine Corps are dogs used by officers to check luggage. Dogs search for drugs and food. It saves time. It is done behind the scenes.

